



Ref: CTO 2014 040[G]

Pet Food: Vitapet Purritos

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of Vitapet Purritos pet supplements

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Vicki Melville, Manager Animal Imports, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following direction for consignments of Vitapet Purritos pet supplements to be given clearance in accordance with the following measures, different from those in the applicable *Import Health Standard for Shelf-Stable Petfoods Containing Animal Products* (PETFODIC.ALL; 1 May 2007):

The nature of the non-compliance with the requirements in the applicable health standard is that these products do not comply with Clause 7.6(i) in that they are neither baked nor extruded: they are instead tabletted using compression.

The reason for directing clearance is that the biosecurity risks associated with this CTO direction have been assessed and will be effectively managed. The components of biosecurity concern in the products are poultry dry liver flavouring and dairy ingredients (whey powder, blue vein cheese powder, and lactose). Shelf-stable, commercially-prepared and packaged, dairy ingredient-containing pet food from all countries are allowed entry under Clause 7.9 of the above import health standard. The poultry liver flavouring is heated to 100 degrees Celsius for 30 minutes prior to the tableting process, which will mitigate biosecurity risks of concern to New Zealand.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing and continues in effect until amended or revoked.